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HUNTING IN ARKANSAS.

Minutes of the South Christian Hunt-

ing Club.

Saturday morning, November 9th,

and we were in Memphis for our

annual deer hunt. As usual, a

tedious ride all night from Clark-

sville had left us weary, worn and

sloopy, and the only doctor in the

party was quite sick. In Memphis, at

depot, we found T. P. Burke, who

had made the necessary arrange-

ments, and we moved directly down

to the wharf and loaded our para-

phernalia on board the good boat Ea-

gene, bound for the Arkansas river.

The "hunt" was not full—a joke

—for many of its members were

too timorous to leave home this

late of the last several years, the

perils by fire and water, and the

small measure of success which

attended us last year. The faithful

were as follows: Sam H. White, capt.;

Jas. S. Harris, Lyman McComb,

Wm. Craven, Will Davis, Ger-

ard B. Pendleton, W. W. West, T. P.

Burke, Henry Drane, Jack Monroe,

Alma Peay. Eleven men, four

negroes, Torian cook, eighteen dogs

and fifteen horses swelled the caval-

cade that fled through the street

of busy Memphis and woke the

echoes of its wharf.

At 5 p. m. the Eugene, a small

sterns wheel, but not a member of

the Alliance, filled anchor and

steamed down the great river. At

night long, without halt, the boat

moved on, the throbbing of its ma-

chine telling of faithful and con-

tinuous labor. The wind blows

cold and the waves of this inland

sea are dark and turbid, but soon

the moon rises and the dancing waves

seem crested with silver, which

reflects on the dark outlines of the

shores.

Sunday morning, when we get up

after a good night's sleep, we are 150

miles below Memphis, and the steam-

er has just landed at Laconia to put

off young Martin, who was a passen-

ger, and again goes on. Nine o'clock

and we land at Cambridge, on the

Arkansas side, for coal, which the

boat gets from some barges at 37 1/2

cents per bushel. Cambridge is the

point where we hunted some years

ago and killed some deer. Terene,

its former rival on the Mississippi

shore, has been swept away by the

river and is no more.

The Eugene now enters White

river, which comes into the Missis-

sippi above Cambridge, and for five

ten miles, leaving a plantation

to put off some freight only, we steam

along until the Arkansas river is

reached, which now empties into the

White instead of the Mississippi.

The line of demarcation between the two

rivers is plain. The water of the

White is clear and the river a beautiful

stream; on the contrary, that of the

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kansas is a peculiar stream, narrow

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"WRECKERS OF HIGH PRICES."

mule and went to the river, about a

mile off, and got a skiff to put on the

lake in front of camp. On the river

a large buck jumped up in front of

him and stopped and looked at him,

but the captain had no gun, and if he

had the gun would not have been

loaded.

Henry Drane brought with him a

large rifle for goose hunting, and

he had been telling wonderful tales

of its wonderful power, so to-night,

with Garnett, Pendleton, Monroe and

Pete he struck out for Cypress lake,

about two miles from camp, where

geese were in abundance. It was

raining, and so dark you could carve

it, but the boys had courage. After

wandering around in the woods un-

til ten o'clock they at last reached

the lake, but the moon had risen and

they only killed two geese. The re-

turn trip is memorable, for they were

five hours coming two miles, and

when camp was at last reached they

were wet, bedraggled and tired, and

wonderful degrees and had enough of

that peculiar kind of amusement.

Wednesday, Nov. 13—Wet and

cloudy, but we are off soon for the

woods and made the drive east from

camp. Henry Drane and Mr. West

took the lake for fish this morning. Had

up several deer in the first drive. A

large doe and fawn ran to Pendleton;

he fired at the doe—a fair open shot

saw a bear in the thick cane. Drane

and I went off and hit her, but

she ran off and was lost. West

and I went to camp after some mor-

dogs and then made the drive in the

pocket of the lake. Nothing done.

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shied, but I fired at him and am

ended I filled him full of buckshot,

though he was lost in the bushes, and

we had no dogs to trace him up.

Within two hundred yards of this

same spot the dogs had already

gotten up another large buck, which

they ran round and round for some

time, when he finally went out

across the road by Deacon McComb,

who fired a snap shot at him as he

jumped the road. To camp and

splendid supper—tender venison

steak and a fat goose stuffed and

baked brown—repaid us for our day's

labor. Indeed the colored troops

have fought nobly this day.

Friday, November 14—Cold and

frosty. We make the drives between

Cypress and Hand lakes and, as

usual, get up some deer, which run

contrary and carry the dogs all off

beyond the stands, and no one gets a

shot. Now change. Recross Jeff-

erson and make the drive above camp.

Pendleton in the drive with

Capt. White, and they get up half

a dozen deer, but they run

from the stands. Pendleton shot a

rabbit, a black squirrel and also shot

at a deer that jumped up in a thick

et of cane, and succeeded in putting

two shots in old Bine, who was in

the cane. Go to camp, get some-

thing to eat and to the woods south

of camp. Start a number of deer,

but they run from the stands. Late

in the evening the captain shot and

wounded a large four-point buck

and followed him until dark caught

him in the woods. We began to be

uneasy about him and were proceed-

ing to make the drive above camp

and search of him, when he became

camp. Monroe shot a large fat pos-

sum on the road to camp.

Saturday, November 15—It is

rain, but we go to the stands and the

captain drives. Deacon McComb

took some men and fired down

slough to put them on some new



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